



**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF
THE CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF LANSING
JANUARY 25, 2016**

City Council Chambers
Lansing, Michigan

The City Council of the City of Lansing met in regular session and was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Brown Clarke

PRESENT: Council Members Brown Clarke, Dunbar, Houghton, Hussain, Spitzley, Washington, Wood, Yorko

ABSENT: None

Vice President Yorko asked those in attendance to think of City Clerk Chris Swope's mother Elaine Swope, who is ill; Sydney E. Zaban, who recently passed away; and Felipe Rodriguez, who recently passed away during the moment of Meditation.

City Clerk Chris Swope asked those in attendance to think of Bill Beecher, who recently passed away.

Council Member Wood asked those in attendance to think of Loretta Stanley's husband, who recently passed away.

The Council observed a moment of Meditation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by President Brown Clarke.

APPROVAL OF PRINTED COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

By Vice President Yorko

To approve the printed Council Proceedings of December 14 and January 4

Motion Carried

CONSIDERATION OF LATE ITEMS

By Vice President Yorko

To suspend City Council Rule #9 to allow for Consideration of Late Items

Motion Carried

The following item was added to the agenda:

The State of The City Report

**COMMENTS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS
AND THE CITY CLERK**

Council Member Yorko shared details about the MLK Celebration Luncheon on Jan. 18th, a fundraiser for the Saginaw-Oakland Trail and Art Project, a Links Meeting, the Annual Meeting of the Old Oakland Neighborhood Association, and a TWG Development Group Meeting.

Council Member Yorko also shared details on how to test home water via Ingham Co Health Department and lead poisoning prevention.

Council Member Yorko also urged those who wished to donate to the family of Sydney Zaban do so in her honor to the Fenner Nature Center.

Council Member Washington shared details about her First Contact Meeting.

Council Member Hussain shared details about upcoming Lansing Makers Network events for Valentine's Day.

Council Member Wood shared details about Rejuvenivate South Lansing, an Averill Neighborhood Meeting, the BWL Lead Line update, a Code Compliance Department Update, and that the Human Rights Ordinance will be pulled from tonight's agenda.

Council Member Dunbar shared details about the Southside Community Kitchen.

City Clerk Swope provided an update on the Presidential Primary Election, specifically about absentee ballots.

**SPEAKER REGISTRATION FOR
PUBLIC COMMENT ON LEGISLATIVE MATTERS**

City Clerk Swope announced that the public comment registration form(s) for those intending to address Council on legislative matters will be collected and that only those persons who have fully completed the form(s) will be permitted to speak.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Executive Assistant to Mayor Bernero, Randy Hannan, spoke about the Red Cedar Development, the Mayor's State of the City Report, the sale of Lot 24, and the Mobile Food Pantry.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

Legislative Matters included the following public hearings:

1. In consideration of the ACT-15-2015; Sale of Parking Lot #24; 2000 Block of E. Michigan Avenue to 2000 Block LLC

Council Member Washington gave an overview of the public hearing.

- Public Comment on Legislative Matters:

There were no speakers.

LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

REFERRAL OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. In consideration of the ACT-15-2015; Sale of Parking Lot #24; 2000 Block of E. Michigan Avenue to 2000 Block LLC
REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

CONSENT AGENDA

By Council Member Yorko:

Motion to approve items 1a, 1b on the Consent Agenda.

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION #2016-005

BY COUNCIL MEMBERS BROWN CLARKE, DUNBAR, HOUGHTON, HUSSAIN, SPITZLEY, WASHINGTON, WOOD, AND YORKO
RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANSING

WHEREAS, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. is a private, non-profit organization whose purpose is to provide assistance and support through established programs in local communities throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Lansing Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority have been actively involved in a wide variety of public service projects for the Lansing community, and the program has provided over \$75,000 in scholarships to individuals graduating from the Lansing area high schools since the chapter was chartered in 1960; and

WHEREAS, the Lansing Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority annual "Red & White Affair" will be held on February 13, 2016; and

WHEREAS, the "Red & White Affair" event serves as an annual fundraising celebration of the Lansing Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority's continued commitment and service to the greater Lansing community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lansing City Council acknowledges the Lansing Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority's annual "Red & White Affair" and expresses its appreciation to its members for their continued commitment to the City of Lansing and its residents. We wish you continued success in all your future endeavors.

Adopted as part of the Consent Agenda

RESOLUTION #2016-006

BY COUNCIL MEMBERS BROWN CLARKE, DUNBAR, HOUGHTON, HUSSAIN, SPITZLEY, WASHINGTON, WOOD, AND YORKO
RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANSING

WHEREAS, on November 10, 2015, the Lansing Stewardship Community-MotorCities Partnership was awarded the 2015 MotorCities National Heritage Area Award of Excellence in Education/Interpretation; and

WHEREAS, the Lansing Stewardship Community-MotorCities Partnership has worked for over a decade to coordinate projects for the sake of historical preservation, education, and tourism as it relates to the auto and labor story in Michigan; and

WHEREAS, the Lansing Stewardship Community-MotorCities Partnership is a part of the National Heritage Area Partnership, a nonprofit corporation affiliated with the National Park Service. Its mission is to preserve, interpret, and promote the region's rich automotive and labor heritage; and

WHEREAS, the Lansing Stewardship Community has been a strong partnership between the UAW Local 602, the RE Olds Museum, and various individuals and units at Michigan State University. The partnership between these groups began in the gap between the closure of Lansing's General Motors Verlienden plant in 2005 and the 2006 opening of its replacement, the Lansing Delta Township Plant.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lansing City Council, hereby congratulates the Lansing Stewardship Community-

MotorCities Partnership for receiving the 2015 MotorCities National Heritage Area Award of Excellence in Education/Interpretation. We wish you continued success.

Adopted as part of the Consent Agenda

ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION

Council Member Washington introduced:

An Ordinance of the City of Lansing Z-6-2015; 203 S Clippert Street; Rezoning from "A" Residential to "E-1" Apartment Shop District; Ferguson/Continental Lansing, LLC

The Ordinance was read by its title for a first time and referred to the Committee on Development and Planning.

RESOLUTION #2016-007

BY THE COMMITTEE ON DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING
RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANSING

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Lansing that a public hearing be set for Monday, February 22, 2016, at 7 p.m. in City Council Chambers, Tenth Floor, Lansing City Hall, 124 West Michigan Avenue, Lansing, Michigan, for the purpose of approving and/or opposing the Ordinance for rezoning:

Z-6-2015, 203 S. Clippert Street, rezoning from "A" Residential District to "E-1" Apartment Shop District

By Council Member Washington

Motion Carried

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION #2016-008

BY THE COMMITTEE ON DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING
RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANSING

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Lansing that a public hearing be set for Monday, February 22, 2016, at 7 p.m. in City Council Chambers, Tenth Floor, Lansing City Hall, 124 West Michigan Avenue, Lansing, Michigan, for the purpose of approving and/or opposing the Ordinance for rezoning:

SLU-6-2015, Special Land Use, Surface Parking Lot in the "A" Residential District, 830/836 E. Jolly Rd.

By Council Member Washington

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION #2016-009

BY THE COMMITTEE ON DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING
RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANSING

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Lansing that a public hearing be set for Monday, February 22, 2016 at 7 p.m. in City Council Chambers, Tenth Floor, Lansing City Hall, 124 West Michigan Avenue, Lansing, Michigan, for the purpose of approving or opposing the Ordinance for rezoning:

SLU-7-2015, Special Land Use Permit, Parking Lot, 1434 E. Jolly Road

By Council Member Washington

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION #2016-010

BY THE COMMITTEE ON GENERAL SERVICES
RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANSING

WHEREAS, Abbood Najlaa Hussin-Shhayeh sought to eliminate a special assessment of \$812.00 for trash removal fees, and all associated penalties and interest, on the property tax bill for 1812 Herbert Street (Tax ID #33-01-01-21-461-025); and

WHEREAS, upon filing a claim to the Committee on General Services, and after waiving the administrative fee of \$265.00, the claim in the total amount of \$547.00 was denied on January 20, 2016; and

NOW, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council, hereby, denies the claim of Abbood Najlaa Hussin-Shhayeh sought to eliminate a special assessment of \$547.00 for trash removal fees, and all associated penalties and interest, on the property tax bill for 1812 Herbert Street (Tax ID #33-01-01-21-461-025).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Attorney shall take the appropriate steps to process this claim.

By Council Member Houghton

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION #2016-011

By THE COMMITTEE ON GENERAL SERVICES
RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANSING

WHEREAS, the Michigan Department of Transportation, has requested a waiver of the noise ordinance to permit bridge construction work on bridges on and over I-96 between Cedar Street and Aurelius Road weekdays from 7:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. and weekends from Friday at 7:00 p.m. to Monday and 6:00 a.m. to minimize inconvenience to the public and expedite the project; and

WHEREAS, the certain work activities must be performed at night or during the weekend when traffic volumes are lower; and

WHEREAS, these activities include deck removal, setting of beams, and placing the deck; and

WHEREAS, night and weekend work are expected for up to eight nights between April and August for the Aurelius Road bridge over I-96 and occasional nights for other structures for setting up traffic control and other miscellaneous work; and

WHEREAS, the noise ordinance waiver for the work on these bridges is requested from March 2016 through October 2016; and

WHEREAS, these bridges include I-96 over Cedar Street, I-96 over I-96 Business Loop Ramps and Aurelius Road over I-96; and

WHEREAS, A Public hearing is requested in consideration of the request for an issuance of the waiver.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that a Public Hearing be held on Monday, February 29, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, Tenth Floor, City Hall, 124 West Michigan Avenue, Lansing, Michigan, to receive public comment on and to consider the noise waiver for bridge construction work on bridges on and over I-96 between Cedar Street and Aurelius Road weekdays from 7:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. and weekends from Friday at 7:00 p.m. to Monday and 6:00 a.m. to minimize inconvenience to the public and expedite the project.

By Council Member Houghton

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION #2016-012

By COMMITTEE ON GENERAL SERVICES
RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANSING

WHEREAS, the Michigan Department of Transportation, has requested a waiver of the noise ordinance to construction of a sound wall on the east side of US-127 north of Grand River Avenue weekdays from 6 a.m. to 7 a.m. and 8 p.m. to 10 p.m., and weekends from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. to minimize inconvenience to the public and expedite the project; and

WHEREAS, the certain work activities must be performed at night or during the weekend when traffic volumes are lower; and

WHEREAS, these activities include tree removal and drilling shafts; and

WHEREAS, night and weekend work are expected for up to 10 nights and weekend days between March and August; and

WHEREAS, the noise ordinance waiver for the work is requested from March 2016 through October 2016.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that a Public Hearing be held on Monday, February 29, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, Tenth Floor, City Hall, 124 West Michigan Avenue, Lansing, Michigan, to receive public comment on and to consider a waiver of the noise ordinance to construction of a sound wall on the east side of US-127 north of Grand River Avenue weekdays from 6 a.m. to 7 a.m. and 8 p.m. to 10 p.m., and weekends from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. to minimize inconvenience to the public and expedite the project.

By Council Member Houghton

Motion Carried

SPEAKER REGISTRATION FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON CITY GOVERNMENT RELATED MATTERS

City Clerk Swope announced that the public comment registration form(s) for those intending to address Council on City government matters will be collected and that only those persons who have fully completed the form(s) will be permitted to speak.

REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS, BOARDS, AND COMMISSIONS; COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS; AND OTHER CITY RELATED MATTERS

By Vice President Yorko that all items be considered as being read in full and that President Brown Clarke make the appropriate referrals

Motion Carried

- Reports from City Officers, Boards and Commissions:

1. Letter(s) from the City Clerk re:
 - a. Minutes of Boards, Commissions, and Authorities placed on file in the Clerk's Office

PLACED ON FILE

2. Letter(s) from the Mayor re:
 - a. Act-15-2015, Sale of Parking Lot #24, south of E. Michigan between Clemens and Fairview

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

- b. Act-6-2015; lease portions of Adado Riverfront Park on each side of the Grand River for a period of ten years to Capitol Zip, LL

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

- c. PILOT (Payment in Lieu of Taxes), Saboury Building Apartments, 1113 N. Washington

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

- d. Brownfield Plan #64, South Edge Lofts Project, 616 S. Washington Avenue Properties LLC

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

- e. State of the City Report

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

- Communications and Petitions, and Other City Related Matters:

- 1. Communication from Pat Lindemann, Ingham County Drain Commissioner, Noise Waiver Request for the Groesbeck Park Golf Course Construction Project

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON GENERAL SERVICES

- 2. Affidavit of Disclosure, Susan Baylis, Lansing Police Department

REFERRED TO THE ETHICS BOARD

REMARKS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Council Member Washington announced the North Town Neighborhood Association meeting.

Council Member Yorko thanked City residents for donating and transporting water to the City of Flint and shared additional thoughts on preventing a similar situation in the City of Lansing.

Council President Brown Clarke said she expects to have an update from Board of Water and Light regarding lead in the City's water next meeting.

Council Member Washington agreed with Council Member Yorko's comments.

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON
CITY GOVERNMENT RELATED MATTERS**

Kathi Raffone spoke about various City matters.

Michael Mercer spoke about various City matters.

Claude Beavers spoke about various City matters.

ADJOURNED TIME 7:51 P.M.

CHRIS SWOPE, CITY CLERK